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PENDING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the projects taken up for execution and development of Doordarshan network and other infrastructure in the country during the Eighth Plan;

(b) the present status of the projects;

(c) whether there is any delay in completion of these projects;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for their earlier completion; and

(f) the details of projects proposed/approved for Ninth Plan period along with their estimated cost, project-wise, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STA DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b):39 Studio projects and 658 (HPTs-39, LPT/VLPTs-619) transmitter projects had been taken up/ were under implementation in the country during the VIII Plan period. Out of these, 16 Studio projects

(including 2 interim set ups) and 415 transmitter projects (HPTs-25 including 4 interim set ups), LPTs/VLPTs-390) were commissioned during the VIII Plan period.Out of the remaining projects, 10 Studio and 148 transmitter projects (HPTs-7, LPTs/VLPTs-141) have since beencommissioned. The remaining projects are at different stages of implementation and are expected to be completed in phases by the end of IX Plan period subject to, availability of requisite resources.

(c),(d),(e): There has been delay in completion of certain projects due to constraint of resources, delay in site acquisition, problems of power supply, law and order problems, contractual problems etc. It has been Doordarshan`s endeavour to monitor the implementation of the on-going projects continuously and complete them at the earliest.

(f): In the IX Plan 27 Studio projects and 411 transmitter (HPTs-69,LPT/VLPT/Transposers-342) projects including 23 Studio and 95 transmitter projects which spilled over from previous plans are proposed for implementation. Out of these, 11 Studio projects (including one interim set up), 11 HPT projects (including one interim set up and 177 LPT/VLPT projects have since been commissioned. Projects presently under implementation in various States/UTs as part of IX Plan are given at theAnnexure. Approximate capital cost of establishment of studio and transmitter projects is as under:

a) Studios Rs.3 to 10 Cr.
b) DD Bhawan Rs.81.6 Cr.

(Studio complex)
c) HPTs Rs.3 to 10 Cr.
d) LPT/VLPTs Rs.0.8 to 1 Cr.